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SALVE REGINA FACULTY ASSEMBLY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting of February 19, 2002

Present: Thomas Day (until 1:25), Arthur Frankel, Terrence Gavan, Sandor Kadar, Christopher Kiernan, Johnelle Luciani RSM (Chair)

1. **Call to Order and Minutes.** The meeting was called to order at 1:06 PM. The Minutes of the meeting of January 24 were approved. The Faculty Assembly Minutes for February 4 were authorized for presentation to the faculty.
2. **Assembly Meeting.** The agenda for the Faculty Assembly meeting on March 4 was approved.
3. **Consolidation of Committees.** The committee discussed the proposal that the Small Grants and Faculty Travel Committees be merged.

These points were raised in support of the proposal: The consolidation would reduce the number of committees and thus free up faculty for other matters. Having two committees for distributing these types of grants is redundant. Having some of the same faculty on both committees only shows the inefficiency of two separate committees.

Against the proposal: Both committees have enough work to do. A merger would only increase the work, not reduce it. It would not be healthy to have one committee in charge of distributing these funds.

Other issues that were raised: It would be useful to specify that faculty may only serve on a certain number of committees. The problem is that some faculty run for election to a few committees in the hope that they will be elected to one; instead, they find that they are elected to more committees than they had anticipated.

The members of the Executive Committee who were present unanimously agreed that the two committees (Small Grants and Travel) should stay separate, since there is no compelling reason to consolidate them. *Rationale:* Keeping the two committees separate gives more faculty an opportunity to serve on an elected committee (14 slots instead of 7). In addition, since both committees are “work-intensive,” it would not be practical to combine them into one overburdened committee.

4. **FACSB:** The Executive Committee heard a report on the meeting of the Faculty Advisory Committee on Salary and Benefits with S. Therese Antone, President.

The Executive Committee discussed ways to establish the membership of FACSB in the future. In May, the EC will take self-nominations from full-time faculty for Chair and Co-Chair of FACSB.

5. The meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.